

SCCC – THE SACRED TEMPLE

S – Scriptures

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.” I Corinthians 6: 19

C – Consideration

In the last eight verses of chapter six, Paul is answering some questions to Christians in Corinth, and inquiring of them, as they were misguided by profligate behavior, misunderstanding their identity, and their responsibilities as Christians. He quoted their claims: “I have the right to do anything,” you say.” He answered, “But not everything is beneficial.” They said: “I have the right to do anything” He answered: “but I will not be mastered by anything.” Paul had quoted before: “Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” The Apostle, answering and explaining the former ways of these Christians and their new life, kept asking them: “Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body?” “Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself?” “Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute?” He gave a one-word answer: “Never!” He concluded his exhortations, pointing out that they have a Lord, they were redeemed by a valuable price and warned them: “You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

C – Commitment

I have seen in our days what is called hyper-grace, which basically falls into the same errors the Corinthians believers were heading to. The idea of these “theologians” is: “As Jesus has paid for all my sins, then, I can do whatever I want, including sexual immorality.” The same spirits that had lied to the earlier Christians of Achaia are carrying on their deceiving works among believers now. However, these verses are very profound concerning licentiousness. If my body is God’s temple, then my being is holy, my presence should reflect God’s presence wherever I go and my behavior must honor my God. He owns my spirit, soul, and body, and I can’t allow the old devil’s lies to deceive me, and turn to sexual immorality

C – Call

My God, I used to be my own lord, disobedient and following the prince of this world. But, You had mercy on me, calling me to repent, to surrender, to accept Jesus Your Son, as the new Lord of my life. I am washed, sanctified, and justified; therefore, I will honor You with my body. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen!